

GRANT AWARDS 2003

The South Country Education Foundation is pleased to announce its educational grant winners for 2003. Sixteen grants to fund innovative programs and projects of benefits to students in the South Country School District are being awarded. The grants totaling over twenty thousand dollars will fund educational initiatives both in the district schools and in the surrounding community. These funds have been raised by generous donations to the foundation from community members, alumni, and local nonprofit organizations and all donations are tax deductible. SCEF board members Mary Jane Cullen, Fran Tabone, Dr. Vincent Lynch, and Robert T. Young served on the Grant Review Committee. Congratulation to all recipients!

This year's grant recipients are:

Zip Code: I-R-E-A-D at Frank P. Long Intermediate School, sponsored by Frances Cornacchiulo, Julia Salembier & JoAnn Tomaszewski. This project is to alleviate the regression that often occurs in academic skill over the summer.

The Literacy Backpack Program at Brookhaven Elementary School, sponsored by Stephanie Miller, Victoria Suarez & Mary Pettit. This project will provide collections of books to students grade level K-3 with parents involved.

Garden Club at Frank P. Long Intermediate School, sponsored by Peter Cisek. This ongoing project teaches students about soil make-up composting, watering and the enjoyment a garden has to offer. Two more gardens are planned.

Project Earth, Woodworker Club at Frank P. Long Intermediate School, sponsored by Peter Cisek. This program teaches skills of measurement, mathematics, hand manipulations, etc. through the building of wood projects.

Reading Buddies at Bellport High School sponsored by Loraine KR McCray, ESL teacher, for the Shared Decision Making HS Team. This project is for freshman students to be matched up with honors students for homework help.

BHS Step Squad at Bellport High School, sponsored by Loraine KR McCray. This grant will provide for audio equipment to this community-minded organization.

Hands-on Math Manipulatives at the Brookhaven Elementary School sponsored by Nancy Paradise. This "hands-on" project for Kindergarten students is to be integrated with existing literacy & language manipulatives.

"Power Hour" at Boys and Girls Club, submitted by John D. Norris, Executive Director. The B & G Club will be instituting a Tutorial/Homework Program to encourage young people to become self-directed learners and assume responsibility for their educational success or failure.

Snuggle up and Read evening at Verne W. Critz Elementary School, sponsored by Lorrie D. Collichio, PTA President. Students K-3 will enjoy an evening of storytelling, using decorated classrooms, creating books, while

BHS Gospel Chorale at Bellport High School, sponsored by Margaret Bullock. Students in grade 9-12 that participate in the Chorale will learn proper singing techniques to enable them to prepare for Choir competition.

East Asian Brush Painting at Brookhaven Elementary School, sponsored by Michelle Procida. Sung Sook Setton, a Korean brush artist will give 3rd grade classes instruction on East Asian brush painting. Students will learn about Asia through many activities in art as well as through folk tales, music and much more.

Renaissance Programs at Bellport Middle School, sponsored by Susan Peters. This very successful program is designed to motivate and encourage students in grades 6-8 recognizing academic achievements and behavior.

National SADD Convention Bellport High School, sponsored by Kathleen Saladino. Two high school students will be able to attend the 2004 Students Against Drunk Driving convention, which includes workshops teaching leadership skills, making good decisions etc, and to bring this information back to their peers.

KEEP Book Project at Brookhaven Elementary School, sponsored by Brenda Hernandez. This home/school program for Kindergarten students provides books for use at home. Parents are encouraged to participate.

Make and Take Workshops at Kreamer Street Elementary School, sponsored by Dawn Baynon & Susan Mineo. This program develops literacy skills and fosters a home school connection.

Super Summer Readers at Brookhaven Elementary School, sponsored by Karen Hollowell. For grades 1-2, this project will foster summer reading using books at their present level and the next level, along with a journal.

A reception for all grant recipients was held on Thursday June 12 at 3:30pm.